

**Table 15a. Standard errors on reasons for working in alternative or temporary work arrangements  
for doctoral scientists and engineers, by sex: 1997**

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Reasons	Total	Sex	
		Male	Female
Total working in alternative/temporary arrangement (number).....	1,298.7	1,103.4	622.2
		Percent	
Schedule flexibility.....	0.7	0.8	1.2
Only type of work found.....	0.5	0.7	0.7
To gain experience that might lead to a permanent job.....	0.3	0.4	S
Better pay.....	0.7	0.9	1.0
Family-related reason (e.g., children, spouse's job moved).....	0.4	0.4	1.1
In school or some type of training program.....	S	S	S
Enjoy being own boss.....	0.8	1.0	1.2
Employer changed status to temporary.....	S	S	S
Other reason.....	0.9	1.1	1.3

**KEY:** S = Suppressed due to too few cases in the estimate (fewer than 1,000 weighted cases).

**NOTES:** Standard errors are rounded to the nearest tenth. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a science and engineering research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1997.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, 1997 Survey of Doctorate Recipients.